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Synopsis: Department of child services ombudsman bureau. Establishes the department of child services ombudsman bureau (ombudsman bureau) as a separate bureau within the department of administration. Requires the department of administration to administer, determine salaries, and determine other personnel matters of the ombudsman bureau. Provides that the ombudsman bureau may review certain records. Adds a representative of the ombudsman bureau to local child fatality review committees and the statewide child fatality review committee. Authorizes a juvenile court to refer a case to the ombudsman bureau to investigate the implementation of a child in need of services dispositional decree. Provides immunity from civil liability to: (1) persons who release information to the ombudsman bureau; and (2) the ombudsman for the good faith performance of official duties.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning family law and juvenile law.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 4-13-1-4, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
2 SECTION 63, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 4. The department shall, subject to this chapter,
4 do the following:

5 (1) Execute and administer all appropriations as provided by law,
6 and execute and administer all provisions of law that impose
7 duties and functions upon the executive department of
8 government, including executive investigation of state agencies
9 supported by appropriations and the assembly of all required data
10 and information for the use of the executive department and the
11 legislative department.

12 (2) Supervise and regulate the making of contracts by state
13 agencies.

14 (3) Perform the property management functions required by
15 IC 4-20.5-6.

16 (4) Assign office space and storage space for state agencies in the
17 manner provided by IC 4-20.5-5.

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(5) Maintain and operate the following for state agencies:

(A) Central duplicating.

(B) Printing.

(C) Machine tabulating.

(D) Mailing services.

(E) Centrally available supplemental personnel and other essential supporting services.

The department may require state agencies to use these general services in the interests of economy and efficiency. The general services rotary fund is established through which these services may be rendered to state agencies. The budget agency shall determine the amount for the general services rotary fund.

(6) Control and supervise the acquisition, operation, maintenance, and replacement of state owned vehicles by all state agencies. The department may establish and operate, in the interest of economy and efficiency, a motor vehicle pool, and may finance the pool by a rotary fund. The budget agency shall determine the amount to be deposited in the rotary fund.

(7) Promulgate and enforce rules relative to the travel of officers and employees of all state agencies when engaged in the performance of state business. These rules may allow reimbursement for travel expenses by any of the following methods:

(A) Per diem.

(B) For expenses necessarily and actually incurred.

(C) Any combination of the methods in clauses (A) and (B).

The rules must require the approval of the travel by the commissioner and the head of the officer's or employee's department prior to payment.

(8) Administer IC 4-13.6.

(9) Prescribe the amount and form of certified checks, deposits, or bonds to be submitted in connection with bids and contracts when not otherwise provided for by law.

(10) Rent out, with the approval of the governor, any state property, real or personal:

(A) not needed for public use; or

(B) for the purpose of providing services to the state or employees of the state;

the rental of which is not otherwise provided for or prohibited by law. Property may not be rented out under this subdivision for a term exceeding ten (10) years at a time. However, if property is rented out for a term of more than four (4) years, the

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commissioner must make a written determination stating the reasons that it is in the best interests of the state to rent property for the longer term. This subdivision does not include the power to grant or issue permits or leases to explore for or take coal, sand, gravel, stone, gas, oil, or other minerals or substances from or under the bed of any of the navigable waters of the state or other lands owned by the state.

(11) Have charge of all central storerooms, supply rooms, and warehouses established and operated by the state and serving more than one (1) agency.

(12) Enter into contracts and issue orders for printing as provided by IC 4-13-4.1.

(13) Sell or dispose of surplus property under IC 5-22-22, or if advantageous, to exchange or trade in the surplus property toward the purchase of other supplies, materials, or equipment, and to make proper adjustments in the accounts and inventory pertaining to the state agencies concerned.

(14) With respect to power, heating, and lighting plants owned, operated, or maintained by any state agency:

(A) inspect;

(B) regulate their operation; and

(C) recommend improvements to those plants to promote economical and efficient operation.

(15) Administer, determine salaries, and determine other personnel matters of the department of correction ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-1.2-3.

(16) Adopt rules to establish and implement a "Code Adam" safety protocol as described in IC 4-20.5-6-9.2.

(17) Adopt policies and standards for making state owned property reasonably available to be used free of charge as locations for making motion pictures.

(18) Administer, determine salaries, and determine other personnel matters of the department of child services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.

SECTION 2. IC 4-13-19 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]:

Chapter 19. Department of Child Services Ombudsman Bureau

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "bureau" refers to the department of child services ombudsman bureau established by section 3 of this chapter.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "ombudsman" means an

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employee of the bureau or an individual approved by the bureau to investigate and resolve complaints that the department of child services endangered the health and safety of any person or violated specific laws, rules, or written policies. The term includes individuals approved to act in the capacity of ombudsmen by the department of child services ombudsman bureau.

Sec. 3. The department of child services ombudsman bureau is established as a separate bureau within the Indiana department of administration.

Sec. 4. (a) The governor shall appoint a director of the bureau. The governor shall appoint a successor director within thirty (30) days after a vacancy occurs in the position of the director. The director serves at the pleasure of the governor.

(b) The director may employ technical experts and other employees to carry out the purposes of this chapter. However, the director may not hire an individual to serve as an ombudsman if the individual has been employed by the department of child services during the preceding twelve (12) months.

Sec. 5. (a) An ombudsman may receive, investigate, and attempt to resolve complaints that the department of child services:

- (1) violated a specific law, rule, or department written policy; or
- (2) endangered the health or safety of any person by an action or omission.

(b) The ombudsman may, on the ombudsman's own initiative, review a child's death that is sudden, unexpected, or unexplained to determine whether the department of child services:

- (1) violated a specific law, rule, or department written policy; or
- (2) endangered the health or safety of any person by an action or omission.

(c) The ombudsman shall not investigate a complaint from an employee of the department of child services that relates to the employee's employment relationship with the department of child services.

(d) At the conclusion of an investigation of a complaint, the ombudsman shall report the ombudsman's findings to the complainant.

(e) If the ombudsman does not investigate a complaint, the ombudsman shall notify the complainant of the decision not to investigate and the reasons for the decision.

Sec. 6. (a) An ombudsman shall be given appropriate access to

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department of child services records of a person who files a complaint under this chapter.

(b) A state or local government agency or entity that has records that are relevant to a complaint or an investigation conducted by an ombudsman shall provide the ombudsman with access to the records.

(c) A person is immune from:

(1) civil or criminal liability; and

(2) actions taken under:

(A) a professional disciplinary procedure; or

(B) procedures related to the termination or imposition of penalties under a contract dealing with an employee or contractor of the department of child services;

for the release or disclosure of records to the ombudsman under this chapter.

Sec. 7. (a) The director of the bureau shall do the following:

(1) Establish procedures to receive and investigate complaints.

(2) Establish access controls for all information maintained by the bureau.

(3) Except as necessary to investigate and resolve a complaint, ensure that the identity of a complainant will not be disclosed without:

(A) the complainant's written consent; or

(B) a court order.

(b) The correspondence and communication between the ombudsman and any person is a privileged communication.

Sec. 8. The bureau may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 necessary to carry out this chapter.

Sec. 9. An ombudsman is not civilly liable for the good faith performance of official duties.

Sec. 10. (a) The director of the bureau shall prepare a report each year on the operations of the bureau.

(b) A copy of the report shall be provided to the following:

(1) The governor.

(2) The legislative council.

(3) The Indiana department of administration.

(4) The department of child services.

A report provided under this subsection to the legislative council must be in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6.

Sec. 11. A person who:

(1) intentionally interferes with or prevents the completion of the work of an ombudsman;

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(2) knowingly offers compensation to an ombudsman in an effort to affect the outcome of an investigation or a potential investigation;

(3) knowingly or intentionally retaliates against another person who provides information to an ombudsman; or

(4) makes threats against an ombudsman, a person who has filed a complaint, or a person who provides information to an ombudsman, because of an investigation or potential investigation;

commits a Class A misdemeanor.

Sec. 12. The Indiana department of administration shall provide and maintain office space for the bureau.

SECTION 3. IC 31-19-19-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006, SECTION 254, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. (a) All files and records pertaining to the adoption proceedings in:

(1) the county office of family and children;

(2) the department; or

(3) any of the licensed child placing agencies;

are confidential and open to inspection only as provided in IC 31-19-13-2(2), IC 31-19-17, or IC 31-19-25.

(b) The files and records described in subsection (a), including investigation records under IC 31-19-8-5 (or IC 31-3-1-4 before its repeal):

(1) are open to the inspection of the court hearing the petition for adoption; ~~and~~

(2) on order of the court, may be:

(A) introduced into evidence; and

(B) made a part of the record;

in the adoption proceeding; **and**

(3) are open to the inspection of the department of child services ombudsman bureau.

SECTION 4. IC 31-25-5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]:

Chapter 5. Cooperation With Department of Child Services Ombudsman

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "bureau" refers to the department of child services ombudsman bureau established within the Indiana department of administration by IC 4-13-19-3.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "ombudsman" means an employee of the bureau or an individual approved by the bureau

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1 to investigate and resolve complaints regarding the health and
 2 safety of any person, and violations by the department of specific
 3 laws, rules, or written policies. The term includes individuals
 4 approved to act in the capacity of ombudsmen by the department
 5 of child services ombudsman bureau.

6 **Sec. 3. The department and the juvenile court with jurisdiction**
 7 **over the child shall provide an ombudsman with:**

8 (1) appropriate access to the records of a child who is the
 9 subject of an investigation by the ombudsman; and

10 (2) immediate access to any facility in which a child who is the
 11 subject of an investigation by the ombudsman is placed or is
 12 receiving services funded by the department.

13 SECTION 5. IC 31-27-3-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007,
 14 SECTION 49, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 15 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 18. (a) A licensee shall keep records regarding
 16 each child in the control and care of the licensee as the department
 17 requires and shall report to the department upon request the facts the
 18 department requires with reference to children.

19 (b) The department shall keep records regarding children and facts
 20 learned about children and the children's parents or relatives
 21 confidential.

22 (c) The following have access to records regarding children and
 23 facts learned about children:

24 (1) A state agency involved in the licensing of the child caring
 25 institution.

26 (2) A legally mandated child protection agency.

27 (3) A law enforcement agency.

28 (4) An agency having the legal responsibility to care for a child
 29 placed at the child caring institution.

30 (5) The parent, guardian, or custodian of the child at the child
 31 caring institution.

32 (6) A citizen review panel established under IC 31-25-2-20.4.

33 **(7) The department of child services ombudsman bureau**
 34 **established by IC 4-13-19-3.**

35 SECTION 6. IC 31-27-4-21, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007,
 36 SECTION 54, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 37 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 21. (a) A licensee shall keep records required by
 38 the department regarding each child in the control and care of the
 39 licensee and shall report to the department upon request the facts the
 40 department requires with reference to children.

41 (b) The department shall keep records regarding children and facts
 42 learned about children and the children's parents or relatives

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confidential.

(c) The following have access to records regarding children and facts learned about children:

(1) A state agency involved in the licensing of the foster family home.

(2) A legally mandated child protection agency.

(3) A law enforcement agency.

(4) An agency having the legal responsibility to care for a child placed at the foster family home.

(5) The parent, guardian, or custodian of the child at the foster family home.

(6) A citizen review panel established under IC 31-25-2-20.4.

(7) The department of child services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.

SECTION 7. IC 31-27-5-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007, SECTION 58, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 18. (a) A licensee shall keep records required by the department regarding each child in the control and care of the licensee and shall report to the department, upon request, the facts the department requires with reference to children.

(b) The department shall keep records regarding children and facts learned about children and the children's parents or relatives confidential.

(c) The following have access to records regarding children and facts learned about children:

(1) A state agency involved in the licensing of the group home.

(2) A legally mandated child protection agency.

(3) A law enforcement agency.

(4) An agency having the legal responsibility to care for a child placed at the group home.

(5) The parent, guardian, or custodian of the child at the group home.

(6) A citizen review panel established under IC 31-25-2-20.4.

(7) The department of child services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.

SECTION 8. IC 31-27-6-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007, SECTION 62, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 15. (a) A licensee shall keep records required by the department regarding each child in the control and care of the licensee and shall report to the department upon request the facts the department requires with reference to children.

(b) The department shall keep records regarding children and facts

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1 learned about children and the children's parents or relatives
2 confidential.

3 (c) The following have access to records regarding children and
4 facts learned about children:

5 (1) A state agency involved in the licensing of the child placing
6 agency.

7 (2) A legally mandated child protection agency.

8 (3) A law enforcement agency.

9 (4) A citizen review panel established under IC 31-25-2-20.4.

10 **(5) The department of child services ombudsman bureau**
11 **established by IC 4-13-19-3.**

12 SECTION 9. IC 31-33-18-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,
13 SECTION 283, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) Except as provided in section
15 1.5 of this chapter, the following are confidential:

16 (1) Reports made under this article (or IC 31-6-11 before its
17 repeal).

18 (2) Any other information obtained, reports written, or
19 photographs taken concerning the reports in the possession of:

20 (A) the division of family resources;

21 (B) the county office; or

22 (C) the department.

23 (b) Except as provided in section 1.5 of this chapter, all records held
24 by:

25 (1) the division of family resources;

26 (2) a county office;

27 (3) the department;

28 (4) a local child fatality review team established under
29 IC 31-33-24; or

30 (5) the statewide child fatality review committee established
31 under IC 31-33-25; or

32 **(6) the department of child services ombudsman bureau**
33 **established by IC 4-13-19-3;**

34 regarding the death of a child determined to be a result of abuse,
35 abandonment, or neglect are confidential and may not be disclosed.

36 SECTION 10. IC 31-33-18-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,
37 SECTION 284, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
38 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1.5. (a) This section applies to
39 records held by:

40 (1) the division of family resources;

41 (2) a county office;

42 (3) the department;

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(4) a local child fatality review team established under IC 31-33-24; ~~or~~

(5) the statewide child fatality review committee established under IC 31-33-25; **or**

(6) the department of child services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3;

regarding a child whose death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a), a child's death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect if:

(1) an entity described in subsection (a) determines that the child's death or near fatality is the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect; or

(2) a prosecuting attorney files:

(A) an indictment or information; or

(B) a complaint alleging the commission of a delinquent act; that, if proven, would cause a reasonable person to believe that the child's death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

Upon the request of any person, or upon its own motion, the court exercising juvenile jurisdiction in the county in which the child's death or near fatality occurred shall determine whether the allegations contained in the indictment, information, or complaint described in subdivision (2), if proven, would cause a reasonable person to believe that the child's death or near fatality may have been the result of abuse, abandonment, or neglect.

(c) As used in this section:

(1) "identifying information" means information that identifies an individual, including an individual's:

(A) name, address, date of birth, occupation, place of employment, and telephone number;

(B) employer identification number, mother's maiden name, Social Security number, or any identification number issued by a governmental entity;

(C) unique biometric data, including the individual's fingerprint, voice print, or retina or iris image;

(D) unique electronic identification number, address, or routing code;

(E) telecommunication identifying information; or

(F) telecommunication access device, including a card, a plate, a code, an account number, a personal identification number, an electronic serial number, a mobile identification number, or

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another telecommunications service or device or means of account access; and

(2) "near fatality" has the meaning set forth in 42 U.S.C. 5106a.

(d) Unless information in a record is otherwise confidential under state or federal law, a record described in subsection (a) that has been redacted in accordance with this section is not confidential and may be disclosed to any person who requests the record. The person requesting the record may be required to pay the reasonable expenses of copying the record.

(e) When a person requests a record described in subsection (a), the entity having control of the record shall immediately transmit a copy of the record to the court exercising juvenile jurisdiction in the county in which the death or near fatality of the child occurred. However, if the court requests that the entity having control of a record transmit the original record, the entity shall transmit the original record.

(f) Upon receipt of the record described in subsection (a), the court shall, within thirty (30) days, redact the record to exclude:

(1) identifying information described in subsection (c)(1)(B) through (c)(1)(F) of a person; and

(2) all identifying information of a child less than eighteen (18) years of age.

(g) The court shall disclose the record redacted in accordance with subsection (f) to any person who requests the record, if the person has paid:

(1) to the entity having control of the record, the reasonable expenses of copying under IC 5-14-3-8; and

(2) to the court, the reasonable expenses of copying the record.

(h) The court's determination under subsection (f) that certain identifying information or other information is not relevant to establishing the facts and circumstances leading to the death or near fatality of a child is not admissible in a criminal proceeding or civil action.

SECTION 11. IC 31-33-18-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.138-2007, SECTION 66, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 2. The reports and other material described in section 1(a) of this chapter and the unredacted reports and other material described in section 1(b) of this chapter shall be made available only to the following:

(1) Persons authorized by this article.

(2) A legally mandated public or private child protective agency investigating a report of child abuse or neglect or treating a child or family that is the subject of a report or record.

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(3) A police or other law enforcement agency, prosecuting attorney, or coroner in the case of the death of a child who is investigating a report of a child who may be a victim of child abuse or neglect.

(4) A physician who has before the physician a child whom the physician reasonably suspects may be a victim of child abuse or neglect.

(5) An individual legally authorized to place a child in protective custody if:

(A) the individual has before the individual a child whom the individual reasonably suspects may be a victim of abuse or neglect; and

(B) the individual requires the information in the report or record to determine whether to place the child in protective custody.

(6) An agency having the legal responsibility or authorization to care for, treat, or supervise a child who is the subject of a report or record or a parent, guardian, custodian, or other person who is responsible for the child's welfare.

(7) An individual named in the report or record who is alleged to be abused or neglected or, if the individual named in the report is a child or is otherwise incompetent, the individual's guardian ad litem or the individual's court appointed special advocate, or both.

(8) Each parent, guardian, custodian, or other person responsible for the welfare of a child named in a report or record and an attorney of the person described under this subdivision, with protection for the identity of reporters and other appropriate individuals.

(9) A court, for redaction of the record in accordance with section 1.5 of this chapter, or upon the court's finding that access to the records may be necessary for determination of an issue before the court. However, except for disclosure of a redacted record in accordance with section 1.5 of this chapter, access is limited to in camera inspection unless the court determines that public disclosure of the information contained in the records is necessary for the resolution of an issue then pending before the court.

(10) A grand jury upon the grand jury's determination that access to the records is necessary in the conduct of the grand jury's official business.

(11) An appropriate state or local official responsible for child protection services or legislation carrying out the official's official functions.

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(12) A foster care review board established by a juvenile court under IC 31-34-21-9 (or IC 31-6-4-19 before its repeal) upon the court's determination that access to the records is necessary to enable the foster care review board to carry out the board's purpose under IC 31-34-21.

(13) The community child protection team appointed under IC 31-33-3 (or IC 31-6-11-14 before its repeal), upon request, to enable the team to carry out the team's purpose under IC 31-33-3.

(14) A person about whom a report has been made, with protection for the identity of:

(A) any person reporting known or suspected child abuse or neglect; and

(B) any other person if the person or agency making the information available finds that disclosure of the information would be likely to endanger the life or safety of the person.

(15) An employee of the department, a caseworker, or a juvenile probation officer conducting a criminal history check under IC 31-26-5, IC 31-34, or IC 31-37 to determine the appropriateness of an out-of-home placement for a:

(A) child at imminent risk of placement;

(B) child in need of services; or

(C) delinquent child.

The results of a criminal history check conducted under this subdivision must be disclosed to a court determining the placement of a child described in clauses (A) through (C).

(16) A local child fatality review team established under IC 31-33-24-6.

(17) The statewide child fatality review committee established by IC 31-33-25-6.

(18) The department.

(19) The division of family resources, if the investigation report:

(A) is classified as substantiated; and

(B) concerns:

(i) an applicant for a license to operate;

(ii) a person licensed to operate;

(iii) an employee of; or

(iv) a volunteer providing services at;

a child care center licensed under IC 12-17.2-4 or a child care home licensed under IC 12-17.2-5.

(20) A citizen review panel established under IC 31-25-2-20.4.

(21) The department of child services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.

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SECTION 12. IC 31-33-24-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2007, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 9. (a) A local child fatality review team consists of the following members:

(1) A coroner or deputy coroner from the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(2) A representative from:

(A) the health and hospital corporation of Marion County as set forth in IC 16-22-8;

(B) a local health department established under IC 16-20-2; or

(C) a multiple county health department established under IC 16-20-3;

from the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(3) A physician residing or practicing medicine in the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(4) A representative of law enforcement from the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(5) A representative from an emergency medical services provider doing business in the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(6) A director or manager of a local or regional office of the department from the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(7) A representative of the prosecuting attorney from the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(8) A pathologist with forensic experience who is licensed to practice medicine in Indiana and who, if feasible, is certified by the American Board of Pathology in forensic pathology.

(9) A representative from a fire department or volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2) from the area served by the local child fatality review team.

(10) A representative of the department of child services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.

(b) If a local child fatality review team is established in one (1) county, the legislative body that voted to establish the local child fatality review team under section 6 of this chapter shall:

(1) adopt an ordinance for the appointment and reappointment of members of the local child fatality review team; and

(2) appoint members to the local child fatality review team under the ordinance adopted.

(c) If a local child fatality review team is established in a region, the county legislative bodies that voted to establish the local child fatality

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review team under section 6 of this chapter shall:

(1) each adopt substantially similar ordinances for the appointment and reappointment of members of the local child fatality review team; and

(2) appoint members to the local child fatality review team under the ordinances adopted.

SECTION 13. IC 31-33-25-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.145-2006, SECTION 288, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 6. (a) The statewide child fatality review committee is established to review a child's death that is:

(1) sudden;

(2) unexpected; or

(3) unexplained;

if the county where the child died does not have a local child fatality review team or if the local child fatality review team requests a review of the child's death by the statewide committee.

(b) The statewide child fatality review committee may also review the death of a child upon request by an individual **or the department of child services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.**

(c) A request submitted under subsection (b) must set forth:

(1) the name of the child;

(2) the age of the child;

(3) the county where the child died;

(4) whether a local child fatality review team reviewed the death; and

(5) the cause of death of the deceased child.

SECTION 14. IC 31-33-25-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.225-2007, SECTION 8, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 8. The statewide child fatality review committee consists of the following members appointed by the governor:

(1) a coroner or deputy coroner;

(2) a representative from:

(A) the state department of health established by IC 16-19-1-1;

(B) a local health department established under IC 16-20-2; or

(C) a multiple county health department established under IC 16-20-3;

(3) a pediatrician;

(4) a representative of law enforcement;

(5) a representative from an emergency medical services provider;

(6) the director or a representative of the department;

(7) a representative of a prosecuting attorney;

(8) a pathologist who is:

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- 1 (A) certified by the American Board of Pathology in forensic
 2 pathology; and
 3 (B) licensed to practice medicine in Indiana;
 4 (9) a mental health provider;
 5 (10) a representative of a child abuse prevention program; ~~and~~
 6 (11) a representative of the department of education; ~~and~~
 7 **(12) a representative of the department of child services**
 8 **ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.**
 9 SECTION 15. IC 31-33-26-5, AS ADDED BY P.L.138-2007,
 10 SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 11 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 5. (a) Subject to the accessibility to files provided
 12 in subsection (b), at least ten (10) levels of security for confidentiality
 13 in the index must be maintained.
 14 (b) The index must have a comprehensive system of limited access
 15 to information as follows:
 16 (1) The index must be accessed only by the entry of an operator
 17 identification number and a password.
 18 (2) A child welfare caseworker must be allowed to access only:
 19 (A) cases that are assigned to the caseworker; and
 20 (B) other cases or investigations that involve:
 21 (i) a family member of a child; or
 22 (ii) a child;
 23 who is the subject of a case described in clause (A).
 24 (3) A child welfare supervisor may access only the following:
 25 (A) Cases assigned to the supervisor.
 26 (B) Cases assigned to a caseworker who reports to the
 27 supervisor.
 28 (C) Other cases or investigations that involve:
 29 (i) a family member of a child; or
 30 (ii) a child;
 31 who is the subject of a case described in clause (A) or (B).
 32 (D) Cases that are unassigned.
 33 (4) To preserve confidentiality in the workplace, child welfare
 34 managers, as designated by the department, may access any case,
 35 except restricted cases involving:
 36 (A) a state employee; or
 37 (B) the immediate family member of a state employee;
 38 who has access to the index. Access to restricted information
 39 under this subdivision may be obtained only if an additional level
 40 of security is implemented.
 41 (5) Access to records of authorized users, including passwords, is
 42 restricted to:

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- 1 (A) users designated by the department as administrators; and
 2 (B) the administrator's level of access as determined by the
 3 department.
 4 (6) Ancillary programs that may be designed for the index may
 5 not be executed in a manner that would circumvent the index's
 6 log-on security measures.
 7 (7) Certain index functions must be accessible only to index
 8 operators with specified levels of authorization as determined by
 9 the department.
 10 (8) Files containing passwords must be encrypted.
 11 (9) There must be two (2) additional levels of security for
 12 confidentiality as determined by the department.
 13 **(10) The department of child services ombudsman bureau**
 14 **established by IC 4-13-19-3 shall have unlimited access to the**
 15 **index concerning:**
 16 **(A) complaints filed with; or**
 17 **(B) cases being investigated by;**
 18 **the department of child services ombudsman bureau.**
 19 SECTION 16. IC 31-34-21-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.146-2006,
 20 SECTION 51, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
 21 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. (a) At any time after the date of an original
 22 dispositional decree, the juvenile court may order the department to file
 23 a report on the progress made in implementing the decree.
 24 (b) The juvenile court shall order the department to file a report
 25 every three (3) months after the dispositional decree is entered on the
 26 progress made in implementing the decree.
 27 (c) If, after reviewing the report, the juvenile court seeks to consider
 28 modification of the dispositional decree, the juvenile court shall
 29 proceed under IC 31-34-23.
 30 **(d) A juvenile court may refer a case to the department of child**
 31 **services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3 to**
 32 **investigate the implementation of a dispositional decree.**
 33 SECTION 17. IC 31-39-2-6, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,
 34 SECTION 359, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 35 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 6. The records of the juvenile court
 36 are available without a court order to:
 37 (1) the attorney for the department of child services; or
 38 (2) any authorized staff member of:
 39 (A) the county office;
 40 (B) the department of child services; ~~or~~
 41 (C) the department of correction; **or**
 42 **(D) the department of child services ombudsman bureau**

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1 **established by IC 4-13-19-3.**

2 SECTION 18. IC 31-39-4-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.145-2006,
3 SECTION 361, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
4 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 7. The records of a law enforcement
5 agency are available, without specific permission from the head of the
6 agency, to: ~~the~~

7 (1) **the** attorney for the department of child services or any
8 authorized staff member; **or**

9 (2) **any authorized staff member of the department of child**
10 **services ombudsman bureau established by IC 4-13-19-3.**

11 SECTION 19. IC 31-39-9-1, AS ADDED BY P.L.67-2007,
12 SECTION 6, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
13 JULY 1, 2009]: Sec. 1. The following entities and agencies may
14 exchange records of a child who is a child in need of services or has
15 been determined to be a delinquent child under IC 31-37-1-2, if the
16 information or records are not confidential under state or federal law:

17 (1) A court.

18 (2) A law enforcement agency.

19 (3) The department of correction.

20 (4) The department of child services.

21 (5) The office of the secretary of family and social services.

22 (6) A primary or secondary school, including a public or
23 nonpublic school.

24 (7) **The department of child services ombudsman bureau**
25 **established by IC 4-13-19-3.**

26 SECTION 20. IC 34-30-2-39.6 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
27 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
28 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 39.6. IC 4-13-19-6 (Concerning**
29 **a person who releases information to the department of child**
30 **services ombudsman).**

31 SECTION 21. IC 34-30-2-39.7 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA
32 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS
33 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2009]: **Sec. 39.7. IC 4-13-19-9 (Concerning**
34 **the department of child services ombudsman for the good faith**
35 **performance of official duties).**

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Family, Children and Human Affairs, to which was referred House Bill 1602, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill be amended as follows:

Page 7, line 5, delete "correction" and insert "**child services**".

and when so amended that said bill do pass.

(Reference is to HB 1602 as introduced.)

SUMMERS, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 11, nays 0.

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